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Coming-of-Age Musical Comedy *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* Spells Out Laughs at Arts Barn

Gaithersburg, MD – (July 12, 2019) In partnership with Wildwood Summer Theatre, *Arts on the Green* presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, a musical comedy with music and lyrics by William Finn and book by Rachel Sheinkin. The show runs July 26 through August 3, 2019, with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. There will also be a performance on Thursday, August 1 at 8 p.m. The Arts Barn is located at 311 Kent Square Road. Admission is \$22, \$18 for students ages 15 – 21 with student ID, and \$12 for youth ages 14 and under. This show is recommended for ages 14 and older.

Six middle school misfits are thrown into a cutthroat, high-stakes competition, and P-A-N-D-E-M-O-N-I-U-M takes first place. Welcome to the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, where eccentric adolescents (all played by adults!) get their chance to shine as they vie to prove they are worthy of a shot at “Nationals.” A touching and irreverent coming-of-age comedy with a high-spirited, improvised spelling bee, this Tony Award-winning musical is a laugh-out-loud winner.

Purchase tickets [online](#) or call the Arts Barn Box Office at 301-258-6394. For more information visit gaithersburgmd.gov or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) at *ArtsOnTheGreen*.

Throughout the year, [Arts on the Green](#) presents plays, musicals, theater for young audiences, comedy, and magic shows at the [Arts Barn](#) and [Kentlands Mansion](#). Explore this season’s lineup [here](#).

The *Arts on the Green* Theater series is funded in part by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). To discover more about MSAC grants and how they impact Maryland's arts sector, visit www.msac.org.

About *Arts on the Green*

Arts on the Green is the City of Gaithersburg’s home for the performing and visual arts. Musicals, comedies, dramas, magic shows, and other theatrical performances light up the Arts Barn stage, where every seat has superb visibility. Come see the changing exhibitions by regionally known artists, dabble in the creative arts with Art Night Out workshops, and find unique hand-made gifts in the City Shop.

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